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Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 are rejected.

Claims 1-4 and 7 have been amended herein to clarify applicant's claimed invention.

The claimed invention relates to a system where even when a network terminal of a different type is connected to a subscriber, it is possible to transmit an ISDN alarm to any of digital switches, which are provided by different network vendors, while maintaining conventional services.

As recited in independent claims 1, 3 and 7 the controller sets switch options for the switching equipment interface unit, the control path unit and the ISDN subscriber interface unit of the subscriber transmission equipment, so that the set switch options are the same as corresponding to the digital switching equipment connected to the subscriber transmission equipment.

Drawings

Figures 1-4 are objected to as requiring a legend such as prior art. Substitute Figures 1-4 are submitted herewith including the legend of Prior Art.

Claims

Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Small et al. (U.S. 6,078,649) (hereinafter Small).

Small describes an alarm signal message transmitted through the PSTN to a network centralized maintenance facility. At the maintenance facility a controller receives the alarm data and stores the data in a log file. The controller is in communication with a display, printer, database, and work stations.

However in contrast to applicant's claimed invention, Small does not teach the controller setting switch options for the switching equipment interface unit, the control path unit and the ISDN subscriber interface unit, so that the set switch options are the same as corresponding to the digital switching equipment connected to the subscriber transmission equipment.


These features, which are not disclosed by Small, were likewise not mentioned in the Office Action.

For at least the foregoing reasons Small fails to teach each and every claimed feature and the rejection should be withdrawn and all the pending claims allowed.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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